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INFLATABLE DEVICE

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to U.S. Provisional
5 Application Serial No. 60/427,151, entitled "ADJUSTABLE POSTURE SUPPORT
SYSTEM," filed on November 18, 2002, and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No.
60/427,307, entitled "PRIMARY BEDDING MATTRESS," filed on November 18, 2002.
This application also claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to U.S. Patent Application Serial
No. 10/430,040, entitled "A VALVE WITH ELECTROMECHANICAL DEVICE FOR
10 ACTUATING THE VALVE," filed on May 5, 2003, which claims priority from U.S. Patent
Application No. 60/377,798, entitled "VALVE WITH ELECROMECHANICAL DEVICE
FOR INFLATABLE DEVICE," filed May 3, 2002. This application also claims priority
under 35 U.S.C. §120 to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/192,757, entitled
"CONFIGURABLE INFLATABLE SUPPORT DEVICES," filed on July 10, 2002, which
15 claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/304,274 entitled "COMBINATION
STRUCTURES FOR AN INFLATABLE BLADDER," filed July 10, 2001 and U.S.
Provisional Application No. 60/374,403 entitled "A RECONFIGURALBE INFLATABLE
SUPPORT DEVICE," filed April 22, 2002. All of the above-mentioned, related applications
are herein incorporated by reference in their entirety

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Field of Invention

This invention relates to inflatable devices and, in particular, to inflatable support
devices.

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BACKGROUND OF INVENTION

Inflatable devices are used in a variety of contexts where buoyancy or a cushioned
support is needed, where space is limited, or portability is desired. For example, inflatable
mattresses, cushions and other body supports are used for applications such as camping,
hospital bedding, and both occasional and everyday bedding in the home. Such inflatable
30 devices have the additional advantage that the degree of inflation of the support can be
adjusted to provide even support of an irregular object, such as a person. Other examples of